

Parish Ministers' Rota
30th July 2017 (Seventeenth Sunday of the Ordinary Time Year A)

Mass	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
5 pm Vigil St Aidan's	G.Traynor, P.Devine, M.McKenna	K.Cassidy*, M.McCardie
9.30am St Mary's	R.Heaney (A), E.McBride (B)	J.Canning
11 am St Aidan's	J.Burton, J.Slavin, J.Pearson	J.McKelvie, A.McCrorie*
4.30 pm St Mary's	C.Nicol	H.Law

TODAY'S READINGS

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realised until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:	Wisdom 12:13.16-19
Response to the Psalm:	O Lord, you are good and forgiving.
Second Reading:	Romans 8:26-27
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!
Gospel:	Matthew 13:24-43

St Mary's and St Aidan's

Year A

Sixteenth Sunday of the Year

23rd July 2017

**IN YOU IS FOUND
 FORGIVENESS**



*“Let them grow together
 until the harvest.”*

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SIXTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR 1

Tues 25th July, Feast of St James. One of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus he was a son of Zebedee and Salome, and brother of John the Apostle. He is also called **James the Greater** to distinguish him from James, son of Alphaeus, who is also known as James the Lesser. He was put to death by Herod Agrippa about the year 44, being the first of the apostles to die for Christ. His shrine is at Compostela in Spain.

Wed 26th July, Memorial of St Joachim and St Anne. According to tradition, Saint Anne was born in Bethlehem, and married Joachim of Nazareth, both descendants of David. They were the parents of Our Blessed Lady.

Sat 29th July, Memorial of St Martha, sister of Mary and Lazarus. They were evidently close friends of Jesus. The sisters felt free to call on Jesus at their brother's death.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Gerard O'Neill, Jim Nolan, David Beck, Mary Theresa McCormick, Cathie Bryce, Cathie McConnachie, Cecilia Moore, Lynne Watters, Mary Kelly, Ellen Dunn, John Lochrie, Anne Roarty, Bernard Gallacher, John Friary, Nan Devine, Catherine Grant, George McKinney, Bridget McNally, Mary Lambert, Peter McGhee and Pat McGoldrick who are sick.

The Month's Mind and Anniversaries of: **Marie Meehan, David McKendrick, Agnes Connolly, Elizabeth Wilkie, Mary Connolly, Bridget Henry, Peter McGhee (Snr) and Patricia McLean,**

200 CLUB WINNERS

May

No: 009 G. McKenna £70
055 F. Nightingale £20
014 C. McCallum £10

THE STALL IN THE HALL

The Stall in St Aidan's Hall will reopen on **30th July.** Mass Cards will be available in the Sacristy after all Masses.




RETREAT

Spaces are available on a retreat to Kinnoull, Perthshire, taking place 8 - 10 October. The retreat will be led by Fr. Tom McCarte. Full board, accommodation in single, en-suite bedrooms. Transport provided. For information contact Patricia on **350418.**

HELP OUR YOUNG ADULTS CHANGE THE WORLD.

Jennifer Murray and Niamh McKenna are 5th year pupils of **St Aidans H. S. and parishioners of this parish.** They have been chosen to represent their school in a two-week trip to Bangalore in India next June along with other children from four Glasgow schools. The girls will be taking part in an APD program which supports physically disabled children and adults in urban and rural areas, helping to transform many of their lives, a life changing and wonderful experience for both girls. Each young person who has been picked for this experience has to raise **£1500** through fundraising.

Jennifer is holding her first event, prize bingo, on **Fri 1st Sept** in the church hall. If you would like to support Jennifer in her prize bingo night you can:

-  Donate prizes
-  Home baking would be most welcome
-  Come along to the event; tickets are £3 including tea and cakes

Tickets will be available in the hall after Mass from the 6th of Aug or by phoning Maureen Murray (07906284938)

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN

The National Pilgrimage at Carfin will take place on **Sun 4th Sept** with Mass at 3pm. This year's National Pilgrimage will be in honour of Our Lady of Fatima during this centenary year.

WISHAW GENERAL CHAPLAINCY

Contact Fr Ricklan Mallya, RC Chaplain, either by phoning the hospital (361100) or St Bernadette's (263945).

PARISH OF ST MARY'S AND ST AIDAN'S MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday		Weekday	
St Aidan's:	5pm Vigil Mass	Monday:	St Mary's 10am
St Mary's:	9.30am Mass	Tuesday:	St Aidan's 10am
St Aidan's:	11am Mass	Wednesday:	St Mary's 10am
St Mary's:	4.30pm Mass	Thursday:	St Aidan's 10am

St Mary's 7pm (*Latin Mass*)

Friday: St Mary's 10am

Saturday: St Aidan's 10am

First Friday of the Month (during term time)

St Mary's 10am St Aidan's 11am

Confessions: After weekday Masses in relevant church.

Saturday: 4.30pm – 4.50pm and after Vigil Mass in St Aidan's.

Thursday Evening: 6.30pm – 7pm in St Mary's before Latin Mass

Baptisms

St Aidan's Church 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12 noon

St Mary's Church 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 12.30pm

To arrange please contact: **Fr O'Connor Tel: (01698) 860254.**

PARISH OUTING TO LINDISFARNE

There are only a few more places available on the outing to Lindisfarne. Anyone whose name is added after the cut off will be contacted and put on a Reserve List.

The bus will leave St Aidan's at 8am on 19th August, thereafter picking up parishioners from St Mary's.

A short comfort break in Dunbar will enable us to reach Beal before the tide cuts off the island from the mainland (11.15am).

Free time on the island will give plenty of opportunity to see all the places of interest and have lunch.

A pack containing information on the Island, what to do and times of organised activities will be given to you on the bus.

There are ample places to eat but a packed lunch can be brought along should you prefer.

Mass will be concelebrated by Fr O'Connor and Canon Clements at 3.30pm in the Catholic Church of St Aidan on the island.

We will leave Lindisfarne just after 4.30pm and stop off in Berwick on Tweed for a High Tea.

We will leave the restaurant for return home by 7pm, probably returning to St Mary's by 8.30pm.

Cost including High tea:

Adults £25 Children up to 12 years £16. Payment will be taken on the bus.

LINDISFARNE CAFE

Tea, coffee, rolls n sausage, bacon butties and homebaking will be served in the hall after 11am Mass today. **All welcome.**

ST AIDAN'S CHURCH CLEANERS

The next cleaning date is **Friday 28th July at 10am.** Your help would really be appreciated.

NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN

All notices for the Bulletin, including intimations, should be received by Wednesday evening.

POPE FRANCIS' MISSION INTENTION July 2017

Pope Francis asks us to join with him this month in praying:

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

ST AIDAN'S SVDP HELPLINE

If you require the services of the SVDP you can contact a member by phoning **07561843580.**

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